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SUBJ: ASSASSINATION THREAT

REF: BEIRUT 5907.

1. REFTEL CROSSED DEPARTMENT' S TELEGRAM WHICH OUTLINED OUR GENERAL THINKING RE HANDLING OF TELEPHONE CALL IN BEIRUT. SCENARIO OUTLINED PARA 1, REFTEL OBVIOUSLY CONSONANT WITH OUR THINKING AND WE CONCUR. PROBLEM IS HOW FAR WE SHOULD GO AND DEPARTMENT NOW CONSIDERING OPERATIONAL PLAN OUTLINED PARA 3. AS INDICATED OUR PREVIOUS TELEGRAM, WE WOULD PREFER TO PLAY OUT THE INITIAL CALL -- I. E. FURTHER PHONE CALLS OR ANOTHER LETTER -- BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO TRY ENTRAPMENT BY PRETENDING TO AGREE TO DELIVER MONEY. WHAT CONCERNS US IS THAT WHEN TERRORISTS
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REALIZE THEY HAVE BEEN TRICKED THEY LIKELY TO BE IMPELLED
TO AN ACT OF VIOLENCE OUT OF VENGEANCE, INCLUDING AN ACT
TO SPRING THEIR COMRADES IF LATTER ARE APPREHENDED.
CONVEYING UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT THAT US POLICY DOES NOT
PERMIT RANSOM WOULD BE UNWELCOME TO THEM, BUT IT MIGHT BE
LESS PROVOCATIVE. FIELD COMMENTS INVITED.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH FBI WHICH HAS
OFFERED TO LOOK AT CARBON OF LETTER FOR POSSIBLE IDENTI-
FICATION OF KIND OF TYPEWRITER, ETC. SY IS NOW CONTACTING
TELEPHONE COMPANY SECURITY OFFICE ABOUT POSSIBLE FAST

TRACING EQUIPMENT. WE DO NOT HAVE TECHNICAL COMMENTS
BEYOND THESE BUT ARE TRYING TO DISCOVER WHAT INFORMATION
RESOURCES THE USG MAY HAVE. RUSH

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